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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to the Secretary of Defense
for Special Operations

ATTENTION: Colonel Edward G. Lonsdale

SUBJECT: Request for Temporary Loan of One C-118
or C-540 Aircraft in Far East Area

1. The two CIA C-54 and one C-118 aircraft currently stationed at Kadena Air Force Base are out of commission for scheduled and unscheduled maintenance.

a. C-118 number 513820 scheduled for 34th P.E. and three engine changes on 28 December 1959. Estimated time in commission, 10 January 1960.

b. C-54 number 2764 entered P.E. on 19 December 1959. During inspection corrosion found in right wing, requiring possible change of right wing. Estimated time in commission unknown this date.

c. C-54 number 45592 grounded for electrical wiring defects. Aircraft in maintenance for rewiring. Estimated time in commission unknown this date.

2. One C-54 aircraft currently on loan from 5th Air Force is committed to operational missions. Additional operational commitments during period 27 December 1959 to 20 January 1960 require one additional C-118 or C-540 aircraft capable of carrying 27 passengers be located at Detachment 2, Kadena Air Force Base, Okinawa.

3. Request your assistance in obtaining aircraft cited in paragraph 2 above to support operational missions of CIA. Aircraft should arrive Detachment as soon as possible. Flight crew will be released upon delivery of aircraft to Detachment 2. De-

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Detachment 2 will provide flight crew personnel for operational missions. Aircraft will be released when missions completed approximately 20 January 1960, or when Detachment 2 aircraft are in commission, whichever is soonest.

4. Since this aircraft will replace Agency owned aircraft, funds for flying hour costs are available. It is understood that no costs will be accrued while on standby.

5. Your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

FOR THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR (PLANS)

BY

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